

Comité des Connétables

Minutes of the meeting held on
Monday 11th December 2017
at the Parish Hall, St Ouen.

Present:

Connétable de St Clément - L. Norman, Chairman
Connétable de Ste Marie - Mrs J. Gallichan
Connétable de St Ouën - M. J. Paddock
Connétable de St Brélade - S. W. Pallett
Connétable de St Martin - M. P. S. Le Troquer
Connétable de Grouville - J. E. Le Maistre
Connétable de St Jean - C. H. Taylor
Connétable de la Trinité - P. B. Le Sueur

Apologies for absence were received from the Connétable de St Pierre - J. M. Refault, Vice Chairman; the Connétable de St Hélier - A. S. Crowcroft; the Connétable de St Laurent - Mrs D. W. Mezbourian and the Connétable de St Sauveur - Mrs S. A. Le Sueur-Rennard.

In attendance:

Mrs S. R. de Gruchy, Secretary

Non-exempt (public) under Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011

Minutes

1. The minutes of the meetings held on 13th and 16th November 2017, having been previously circulated, were taken as read and were approved.

Jersey Armed
Forces
Champions

2. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 4 of 15th May 2017, received H.M. Forces Welfare Officer, Social Security Department, to discuss the role and appointment of the Armed Forces Champions (AFC) who would complement the Armed Forces and Community Covenant. The Covenant outlined a moral obligation between the people of Jersey, the States of Jersey and the Armed Forces Community, to remove disadvantages that were often related Service personnel and their families. The aim was to acknowledge, signpost and support the Armed Forces Community within the Parish in order to provide advice and assistance in times of need. The Comité, having noted the timeline for the appointment of AFCs, agreed each should meet individually with their Connétable and that an article could be included in parish magazines and newsletters. The Forces Welfare Officer was thanked for attending the meeting and then withdrew.

Planning
register -
Online planning
applications

3. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 4 of 24th October 2016, considered a paper regarding the online planning applications project. The Planning Department had embarked upon a transformational change in service delivery that would enable its customers to engage with it on all planning matters in a digital forum and proposed to replace the paper plans currently provided to the relevant Parish with electronic plans of planning applications which could be viewed online through the Planning Register. As a trial within the eGov Assisted Digital programme, some parishes had received an iPad device but reported these had been little used. However, larger screens would be required for viewing planning applications.

The Comité discussed public access to online planning applications and considered other easily accessible locations might be considered, rather than just parish halls, for

example the mobile library and sports centres. The Connétable of St John, in his capacity as a member of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel, referred to the Quarterly Hearing of that Panel on 17th February 2017 and the reply of Deputy S.M. Wickenden that there was eGov funding to get the computers and the services into the parishes as the parishes did not have budgets to train staff or provide staff or provide computer terminals.

The Comité noted that the Planning Department had indicated it wished to trial a phased cessation of paper copies to the Parishes from January 2018 and would contact each Parish individually once they had digital devices to confirm when paper copies were to cease. The Connétable of St Brelade, in his capacity as Assisted Minister for Environment, said he would seek confirmation regarding the current proposals and timescale and whether this included a soft launch at the end of Q1 2018.

Public
Elections
(Jersey) Law
2002 – notice
of registered
voters

4. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 4 of 13th November 2017, noted that the cost of amending the electoral system (ERS) to generate notices would be met by the States Greffe as part of the cost of sending out the notices (as prescribed in law). A first draft of the notice had been prepared and the content would be further reviewed prior to approval.

Firearms
(Jersey) Law
2000 – shooting
club approval

5. The Comité was informed that the Minister for Home Affairs had received an application from the undermentioned club for renewal of the approval as a shooting club under Article 15 of the Firearms (Jersey) Law 2000. Before granting or refusing to grant an approval or varying or withdrawing an approval, the Minister was required to consult the Comité in accordance with Article 15(3) of the law. The conditions had been met for approval as a shooting club and, having discussed the application, the Comité agreed it had no comments to make on the approval as a shooting club of the following:

Vinchelez Sports and Miniature Rifle Club

Marriage and
Civil Status
(Jersey) Law
2001
amendments

6. The Comité, with reference to its minute no. 5 of 13th November 2017, received a brief report from the Chairman following his meeting with the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel to discuss the draft Marriage and Civil Status (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.91/2017) and amendments.

Next meeting

7. The Connétable of St Ouen was thanked for his hospitality and the Comité noted the next meeting would be on 15th January 2018. The Chairman wished all members and their families a happy Christmas and best wishes for 2018.

Chairman*L Norman*..... Date*15/01/2018*.....